

REMARKS

Claims 33, 35 through 41, 43 through 48, and 53 through 74 are pending in this Application. Claims 25, 27, 29 through 32, and 49 through 52 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 33, 40, 41, 48, 53, 57, and 61 have been amended, and new claims 62 through 74 have been added. Care has been exercised to avoid the introduction of new matter. Adequate descriptive support for the present Amendment should be apparent throughout the originally filed disclosure as, for example, FIG. 3, and ¶¶ [0033] through [0042] of the corresponding US Pub. No. 20040137887. Applicant submits that the present Amendment does not generate any new matter issue.

Telephonic Interview of March 4, 2010.

Applicant expresses appreciation for the courtesy of the Examiner in granting and conducting a telephonic interview on March 4, 2010. During the interview, the Examiner indicated that the present Amendment would overcome the informality rejection and place the Application in condition for allowance. It is with that understanding that the present Amendment is submitted.

Claims 33, 35 through 41, 43 through 48, and 53 through 61.

Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the Examiner's allowance of claims 33, 35 through 41, 43 through 48, and 53 through 61. Although allowed, claims 33, 40, 41, 48, 53, 57, and 61 have been amended to place them in better form, while retaining the patentable substance of those claims.

Claims 25, 27, 29 through 32, and 49 through 52 were rejected under the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. §112 for lack of adequate descriptive support.

In stating the rejection, the Examiner asserted that the recitation of “a computer-readable storage medium” is not adequately described in the original specification. This rejection is traversed.

While Applicant does not agree with the Examiner’s determination, to expedite prosecution, claims 25, 27, 29 through 32, and 49 through 52 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer, thereby rendering the rejection moot. Applicant therefore submits that the imposed rejection of claims 25, 27, 29 through 32, and 49 through 52 under the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. §112 is not legally viable and solicits withdrawal thereof.

New claims 62 through 74.

New independent claims 67 and 71 recite features similar to those in allowed independent claims 53 and 57, respectively and, hence, are also allowable.

New claim 62 depends from allowed independent claim 41; new claims 63 and 64 depend from allowed independent claim 53; new claims 65 and 66 depends from allowed independent claim 57; new claims 68 through 70 depend from independent claim 67, similar to allowed independent claim 53; and new claims 72 through 74 depend from independent claim 71, similar to allowed independent claim 57. Applicant submits that claims 62 through 66, 68 through 70, and 72 through 74 are also allowable.

Accordingly, claims 62 through 74 are allowable.

Based upon the foregoing, it is apparent that the imposed rejection has been overcome, and that all pending claims are in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration is therefore solicited. If any unresolved issues remain, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone the undersigned attorney at (703) 822-7186 so that such issues may be resolved as expeditiously as possible.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 504213 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully Submitted,

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